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Port Medical Officer.

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P O R T H E A L T H A U T H O R I T Y .

Health Centre
Westam Road
WEYMOUTH.

February 1957

To The Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port
Health Authority.

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 17(5) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations 1935 and 1951, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1956.

The Minister of Health requires that this Report should be prepared on the lines indicated in Form Port 20 which was enclosed with Circular 33/52 dated 6th November 1952. Form Port 20 states that the information required in Sections I, V, VI, VIII, XIV, XV, and XVI - all marked with an asterisk - need not be repeated each year. This information was given in full in last year's Report and will be recapitulated in 1960 and thereafter quinquennially. For the intermediate years, only the changes which have occurred during the year covered by the Report need be mentioned in these Sections; if there has been no change, "NO CHANGE" should be entered.

No unusual occurrences took place, and it was not necessary to make any special report during the year.

It is again a pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking members of the Authority for their kindness and consideration, the Clerk for his ready co-operation, and Mr. E.V. Abbey, Port Health Inspector for his willing assistance at all times. I am also most grateful to the Captain-in-Charge, H.M. Dockyard, Portland, to the Divisional Marine Manager, British Railways, Capt. T.A. Hollyoak, Harbourmaster, and the Officers of H.M. Customs for their continued help and practical assistance when the necessity has arisen.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant


(E.J. GORDON WALLACE)

Port Medical Officer.

SECTION 1 - STAFF *

TABLE A

NO CHANGE.

SECTION 11 - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B

| Ships from | Number | Tonnage | Number Inspected | | Number of Ships reported as having had during the voyage, infectious Disease on Board |
|---------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | | | By the Med. Officer of Health | By the Port Health Inspector. | |
| Foreign Ports | 525 | 314,021 | 7 | 517 | 1 |
| Coastwise | 201 | 87,649 | 3 | 92 | Nil |
| Total | 726 | 401,670 | 10 | 609 | 1 |

SECTION 111 - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic (Number of Passengers INWARDS 64,415 Day Trippers
(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS 72,711 25,467.

Cargo Traffic Principal IMPORTS: Fruit, Vegetables, Flowers, Oil, Shellfish
Principal EXPORTS: General Merchandise; Stores. (and Timber

Principal Ports from which Ships arrive: Algerciras, Antwerp, Bommal, Bremen
Caen, Channel Isles, Dacca, Hamina, Hango, Kotka, LeHavre,
Norrundet, Roscoff, Rouen, St.Malo, Trinidad, Zeebrugge.

SECTION 1V - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

N I L

SECTION V * - WATER SUPPLY.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VI * -- PUBLIC HEALTH(SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

1. List of Infected Areas(Regulation 6) - Information, more up to date than hitherto, is now received each week direct from the World Health Organisation at Geneva. Fresh lists giving appropriate extracts from this W.H.O. Weekly Epidemiological Record are now sent each week to (a) Port Health Inspector, (b) H.M.Customs, Weymouth, and (c) H.M.Customs, Portland.

Section VI (2) -(5) - NO CHANGE.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX.

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District: Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr.Winchester, Hants.
Tel. No. Winchester 2121.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital:

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service, from the Weymouth Ambulance Depot. Tel. No. Weymouth 2661.

Each Ambulance Driver/Attendant at this Depot is re-vaccinated every year. The vaccinal state of the Weymouth Corporation disinfectors staff is also maintained by annual re-vaccination.

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available:

Dr. E.J.Gordon Wallace. - Weymouth.
Dr. P. Hughes. - Weymouth.
Dr. C. Hollins. - Dorchester.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to:

Dr. F.O. McCallum,
Virus Reference Laboratory
Central Public Health Laboratory
Colindale, London N.W.9. - Tel. Colindale 6041.

SECTION VIII * - VENEREAL DISEASE.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D

| Category | Disease. | No. of cases during Year | | No. of Ships concerned |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|------|------------------------|
| | | Passengers | Crew | |
| Cases landed from ships from foreign ports | Meningo-coccal infection. | Nil | 1 | 1 |
| Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports disposed of before arrival | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cases landed from other ships. | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

N I L

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

N I L

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

1. The Port Health Inspector carries out a detailed inspection for rodents on all ships arriving from foreign ports.
2. Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examinations of rodents to be carried out at the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No such examinations were carried out during 1956.
3. The Port Health Inspector has been trained in modern methods of rodent control, including "1080 - Sodium Fluoroacetate. Small infestations are dealt with by trapping and baiting. Large scale infestations would be dealt with by specialist fumigation firms from Southampton or London.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

| Category | | | | Number. |
|----------------------|-----|-----|--|---------|
| Black rats | ... | ... | | Nil |
| Brown rats | ... | ... | | Nil |
| Species not known | ... | | | Nil |
| Sent for examination | | | | Nil |
| Infected with Plague | | | | Nil |

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

| No. of Deratting Certificates issued. | | | | | Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's iss'd. | Total Cert's Issued. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|---|----------------------|
| After fumigation with H.C.N. | Other fumigant (State Method) | After Trapping | After Poisoning | Total | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 * | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 3 | 3 |

* State poisons used and number of Cert's issued after each poison.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS (Cont.)

In addition to the three Deratting Exemption Certificates recorded in Table F, four Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued to coastal vessels.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices.

| Nature and number of Inspections. | | Notices Served. | Result of |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------------|------------------|
| | | Statutory Notices. | Serving notices. |
| British | 584 | Nil | 8 abated. |
| Foreign | 25 | Nil | Nil |
| Total | 609 | Nil | 8 abated |

SECTION XIV[#] - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV[#] - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XVI[#] - MISCELLANEOUS.

NO CHANGE.

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W E Y M O U T H

P O R T H E A L T H A U T H O R I T Y .

WEYMOUTH.

February 1957.

To Dr. E.J.Gordon Wallace,
Port Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27(8) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations 1935 and 1951, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1956 as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Arriving and Inspected in the Port during 1956.

| | | | | Where Inspected. | |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | <u>Weymouth.</u> | <u>Portland.</u> |
| British | ... | ... | ... | 514 | 70 |
| Dutch | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 11 |
| German | ... | ... | ... | 4 | - |
| TOTALS | | | | 528 | 81 |

Number of Inspections made during the Year.

| | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| Total Number of Vessels Inspected | ... | 609 |
| Re-inspections after the giving of Notices | ... | 12 |
| Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes | ... | 43 |
| Visits under Sections 19 & 20 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations. | ... | 8 |
| TOTAL | ... | 672 |

FOOD INSPECTION.

Five hundred visits and forty-three re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year.

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1956 was:

| | <u>Packages.</u> | <u>Weight.</u> <u>Tons. Cwts.</u> |
|--|------------------|---|
| Tomatoes | 5,041,155 | 31,371 - |
| Potatoes | 155,593 | 4,867 - |
| Other produce | 5,862,226 | - - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTALS | 11,058,974 | 36,238 - |
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FOODSTUFF CONDEMNED.

| <u>Foodstuff</u> | <u>Vessel</u> | <u>No. of Packages</u> | <u>Weight</u> | <u>Date.</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Guernsey Tomatoes | 'Fredor' | 8 | 96lbs. | 5. 6. 56. |
| " " | 'Roebuck | 10 | 120lbs | 29. 6. 56 |

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman of the Port Health Authority and to yourself as Port Medical Officer for the support and consideration afforded me during the year; also to the Officers of H.M. Customs Waterguard and Excise, the Naval Stores Officer and staff, Shipping Agents and their staffs, and members of British Railways Executive and Pier Staff for the assistance which has been so willingly accorded to me.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Edward V. Abbey.

Port Health Inspector.

